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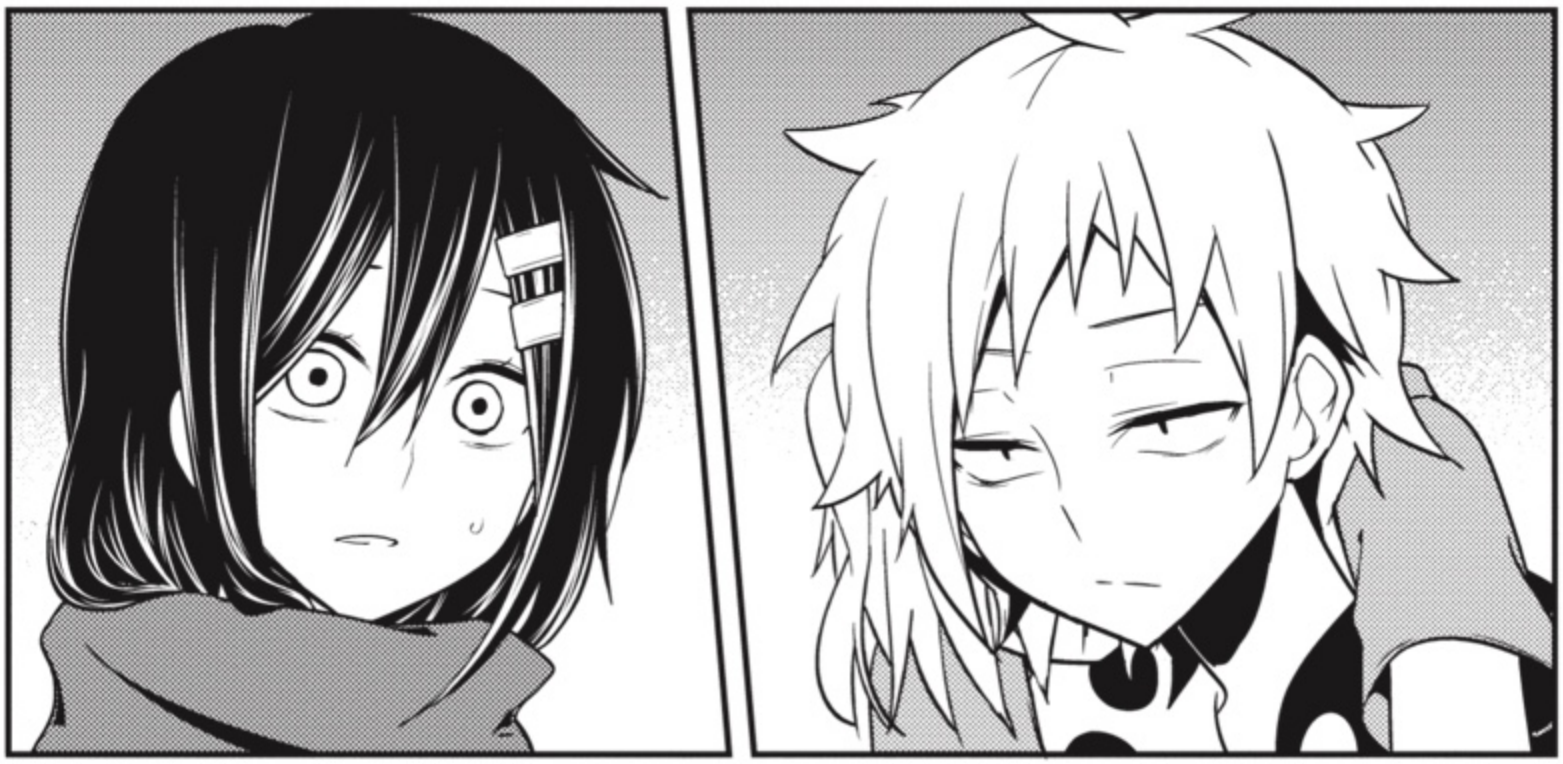
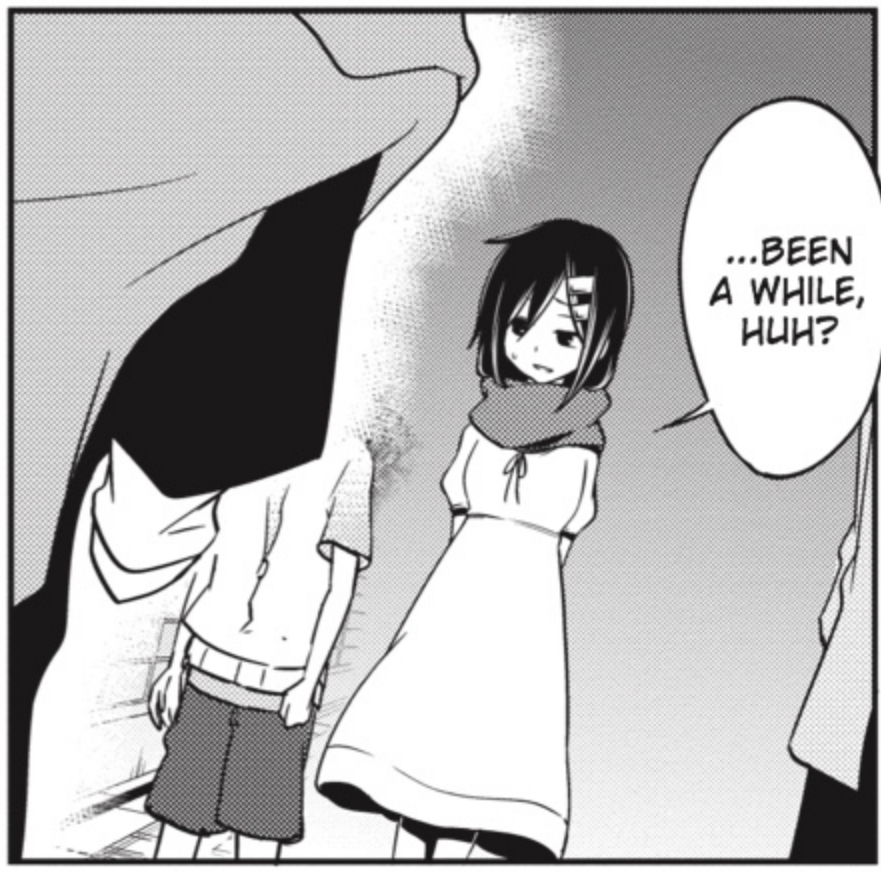


IT'S, UH...

YEAH, SURE HAS.
YOU BEEN DOING OKAY?


...BEEN A WHILE, HUH?

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HOW COULD I EVER...

...BE "OKAY" ...?

OH NO?

I FIGURED YOU'D HAVE FORGOTTEN ABOUT MONSTERS LIKE US AND BE LIVING A CAREFREE LIFE BY NOW.

...!

KIND OF A WEIRD WAY TO REACT...

...HEY.

.....?

ONE OF THE "SIBLINGS" SHE WANTED TO HELP...?

YOU MIND CARRYING HER FOR A BIT?

MY ARMS'RE ABOUT READY TO FALL OFF.

ZA (ZSH)

MOMO...

SHE'S NOT HURT OR ANYTHING, SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT.

...I THINK SHE'S JUST EXHAUSTED.

STILL, THOUGH...

...I DIDN'T THINK YOU GUYS WERE CONNECTED TO MY SISTER.

I WAS HOPING YOU COULD HELP ME OUT...

...BUT I GUESS THAT'S NOT GONNA HAPPEN.

HELP YOU OUT?

YOU MEAN LOOK FOR THAT EVIL SNAKE THING?

OH, YOU ALREADY KNOW THAT MUCH?

THANKS FOR SAVING ME THE TROUBLE OF EXPLAINING.

YOU MIGHT'VE ALREADY NOTICED...

...BUT THAT THING'S TAKEN OVER HIYORI-CHAN'S BODY. IT'S SOMEWHERE IN THIS CITY.

IF WE'RE GONNA TRACK DOWN HIYORI-CHAN, WE'LL NEED A SKILL THAT HELPS US SEARCH FOR THINGS...

THAT'S WHY I WANTED THE PERSON WITH THE "FOCUSING EYES" SKILL.

I'D HAVE TO GUESS...

SLI (SHP)

...IT'S YOU.

WELL...

...BY THE PROCESS OF ELIMINA-TION...

THERE'S A SKILL LIKE THAT?

...DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHO MIGHT HAVE IT?

IF WE'RE GONNA FIND HIYORI-CHAN, I'M GONNA NEED YOUR HELP.

I...

I'VE GOT THE "FOCUSING EYES" SKILL?

DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT HIYORI-CHAN MEANS TO HIBIYA?

IF YOU MAKE HIM SEARCH FOR HER...

...WHAT'LL YOU DO WITH HIYORI-CHAN ONCE SHE'S FOUND?

HANG ON!

GIRI (GRIT)

YOU ...!

WHAT'LL I DO WITH HER?

OUR ENEMY'S NOT SOME "NORMAL" LITTLE GIRL ANYMORE. YOU KNOW THAT, RIGHT?

I DON'T THINK WE HAVE TOO MANY OPTIONS.

YOU PROBABLY SOUGHT OUT HIBIYA-KUN BECAUSE OF HIS ABILITY TOO, HUH, SIS?

THOUGH I SUSPECT YOU WERE MORE MOTIVATED BY TRYING TO FIND OUR HIDEOUT, BUT...

GU (GULP)

ALL RIGHT.

I DON'T TRUST YOU AT ALL.

BUT IF I CAN HELP YOU, I WILL.

HIBIYA-KUN...

KI (GLARE)

I SWEAR ...

...I WON'T LET ANYONE KILL HER.

YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?

THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO HIYORI-CHAN ONCE WE FIND HER.

THAT'S WHY I'M NOT LETTING YOU GO ALONE.

IN THAT CASE, LET'S START SEARCHING.

THAT ABILITY OF YOURS ... I'LL TEACH YOU HOW TO USE IT.

...OKAY.

TELL THE OLD LADY THERE ...

...THANKS FOR HELPING ME SEARCH FOR HIYORI.

HEY...

NEXT TIME WE MEET...

...LET'S GO OUT SHOPPING AGAIN

.....

.....

SHUUYA...

...KIDO'S DEAD.

IS...

IS EVERYONE DOING OKAY?

YOU...

YOU GETTING ENOUGH TO EAT AND ALL?

SHE WAS KILLED.

I KNEW IT WAS INEVITABLE, BUT...

THAT GIRL...

SHE WAS KILLED ...!?

LET'S GO...

...HIBIYA-KUN.

ZA (ZSH)

UM...

OKAY.

AW MAAAN...

I DON'T KNOW ANYMORE.

SO PEOPLE'RE DYING NOW? FOR REAL?

THIS IS WAY TOO HEAVY.

WHAT CAN WE EVEN DO ABOUT IT?

I WASN'T EXPECTING HIBIYA-KUN TO BE TAKEN FROM US TOO...

YOU...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO HIDE IT.
...REBEL PHASE?
HE'S KIND OF IN THIS...
BUT WE HAVEN'T EXACTLY TALKED MUCH LATELY...
WE'VE BEEN LIVING SEPARATELY, I GUESS YOU COULD SAY.
OH, THAT WAS MY YOUNGER BROTHER, BY THE WAY.

IT...

IT'S ALL MY FAULT...

GAKU (SLUMP)

ALL THIS STUFF THAT'S HAPPENED ...

IT'S ALL ME...

UM...

SORRY TO BARGE INTO YOUR PLACE, I GUESS...

IT'S FINE.

WE HAPPENED TO BE CLOSE BY ANYWAY.

KYORO (GLANCE)

...TAKE A LOAD OFF. I'M SURE CARRYING YOUR SISTER WASN'T EASY.

SOWA

DOES SHE LIVE ALONE...?

SOWA (FIDGET)

WATCHA WONDER-ING ABOUT?

HUH!?

N-NO, UH...!

YOU KEEP THE PLACE PRETTY TIDY, HUH?

WELL, I'VE BEEN ALONE FOR A WHILE SINCE MY SIBLINGS LEFT...

...BUT THERE WAS SOMEONE ELSE TOO UNTIL A BIT AGO.

...I DUNNO IF I SHOULD ASK THIS OR NOT...

...BUT DID SOMETHING HAPPEN BETWEEN YOU GUYS?

...YEAH.

SOMETHING THAT WILL KEEP US FROM BEING SIBLINGS EVER AGAIN.

I MEAN, ME AND MY SISTER ARGUE A LOT, BUT NOTHING THAT INTENSE...

WHAT WAS IT?

UH...

WHAT?

JI (STARE)

...WELL.

I SUPPOSE I CAN TELL YOU.

IT'S BEEN ABOUT THREE YEARS, I GUESS...

...SINCE I DIED.